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NEWS OF THE WEEK.
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WASHINGTON NOTES.
A. E. SHARP, Chief Post-office Inspector, has tendered his resignation to take effect at once.

THE President has pardoned Michael Mullin, the police lieutenant, sentenced last January to one year's imprisonment for preventing 100 colored men of Cincinnati voting at the last election. Mullin locked the colored men up over night.

In a proclamation, dated the 7th of August, President Cleveland orders the removal of all unlawful fences set up by cattlemen and others on public lands.

ACTING SECRETARY FAIRCHILD recently directed that a supplemental competitive examination be held at the Treasury for the purpose of filling seven vacancies of the grade of clerks in the Revenue Marine Service.

SECRETARY BAYARD recently received a telegraphic communication from the American Consul at Guayaquil, Ecuador, saying that he had positive information that Santos had been liberated. No details were given in the telegram.

The Smith court martial at Washington completed its work on the 11th and the court was temporarily adjourned. The findings were sent to the President for his approval or disapproval.

The Postmaster General has issued instructions governing the special delivery system, which comes into operation October 1.

The United States Treasury Department has authorized the American Express Company to receive the baggage of passengers from Europe upon arrival in New York to be forwarded immediately in bond to examination to the principal ports of entry in the United States and Canada, where the duties, if any, will be assessed.

THE EAST.
FIRE the other morning at the paper manufactory of Alexander Balfour, Philadelphia, who has a contract for making paper for the United States Internal Revenue Bureau, caused a loss of \$22,000.

Two tourists quarreled at the Saratoga race track the other day and one shot the other three times. One ball took effect in the right breast. It is thought the wound will not be fatal.

At a fire in the Webster block, Manchester, N. H., recently, seven persons lost their lives and two others were terribly burned.

IMMEDIATELY upon the sealing of the tomb of General Grant at Riverside Park, vandals cranked attempted to deface it by chipping and writing. A guard of soldiers drove them away and prevented further depredations.

A TERRIBLE explosion of gas took place in the West End Coal Company mines at Mochaqua, fifteen miles from Wilkesbarre, Pa., the other morning. Twelve miners were reported killed and several others dangerously injured.

DYSENTERY was reported becoming epidemic at Bridgeport, a mining village of Pennsylvania. The disease was due to famine and filth, most of the laboring population being out of employment.

At a meeting of the Battle Monument Association at Bennington, Vt., on the 12th, the design of J. P. Hinn, of Boston, was accepted, and a committee was appointed to report to the President and the Governors of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, which action will entitle the association to the appropriations made by Congress and the Legislatures of those States. The fund now amounts to \$80,000.

Five in the fifth ward of No. 107 Duane street, New York, the other day, occupied by Green & Blackwell, candy manufacturers, caused a loss of \$50,000; fully insured.

D. J. HAMBERGER's tannery at Oswego Falls, N. Y., was destroyed by fire recently. The loss on the building and stock was \$85,000; insurance not known.

NINETY young ladies took the veil at the Mattenckrodt convent, Wilkesbarre, Pa., on morning recently. The direction of Bishop O'Hara. The ladies were from various towns and cities in this country and Europe.

THE firm of J. S. Martin & Son, wholesale grocers, 108 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, has suspended payment.

The Greenwood Iron Works, operated by the Parrott Iron Company, at Greenwood, N. Y., shut down the other night. The liabilities are said to be from \$100,000 to \$200,000 with assets of \$300,000. Five or six thousand dollars are due the employees.

A DESTRUCTIVE cyclone occurred in Northern New York on the afternoon of the 12th. Norwood, St. Lawrence County, was greatly damaged and eight lives were reported lost.

THE WEST.
OLIVER MITCHELL and Pierce Dillon, Fort Wayne brakemen, stepped in front of a fast express train at Leetonia, O., the other day. The former was instantly killed and the latter badly hurt.

JOSEPH H. EXSOS, of Dayton, O., Secretary of the Board of Police Commissioners, has disappeared. Investigation so far shows that his accounts are short \$2,900.

An accident recently on the Cincinnati & Eastern Railway, sixteen miles from Cincinnati, caused the death of Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. Smith and Isaac Tate. Mrs. Donaldson's two children were also fatally injured. The other passengers, though all more or less hurt, will recover.

MAXWELL, the murderer of Prier in St. Louis last April, who escaped to New Zealand, arrived at San Francisco, in custody of the officers, on the 10th.

The Wyoming quarantine against Missouri cattle has been removed.

THE Leavenworth (Kan.) oatmeal works were destroyed by fire on the night of the 10th. Loss, \$75,000; insurance, \$40,000. The body of a young man named Edward McGonigle was taken out of the ruins. Five or six other persons were more or less injured.

GOLDSBURG, the anarchist, addressed the strikers in the public square at Cleveland, O., again on the 11th. The red flag was waved and the use of dynamite recommended.

MISS LOUISA BUCKLE, a young lady about eighteen years of age, of Hill Grove, Wis., was shot in the hand recently by her brother, about ten years old, and died instantly. He at first admitted that he fired the revolver which was found at her side, then afterwards he denied it.

CAPTAIN COUCH recently gave orders to dissolve the Oklahoma colony. He was satisfied the administration intended to act fair to all parties.

A DISPATCH from Placerville, Cal., of the 11th says: James W. Hershall, the discoverer of gold in California, died yesterday at his home at Kelsey. He was seventy-four years old and died a poverty-stricken and disappointed man, having lost all his property by the cupidity of the early prospectors.

A VERY heavy rain fell in Kansas City and vicinity on the 11th, amounting to 5.29 inches within the space of eighteen hours. The fall was unprecedented, and it was estimated that \$120,000 damage was done. Several buildings and foundations gave way in the city and bottom lands in the country were flooded.

Two brothers named Pond were gored to death recently twelve miles from St. Paul, Minn., while leading a Holstein bull to their farm.

A RECENT Shelbyville, Ill., special says the bridge over Noble's Creek gave way under the weight of a farm engine drawn by a pair of horses. The machine, horse and driver, Noah Tresinger, and his companion, were precipitated to the creek below, the men falling beneath the machinery. Both men and horses were killed.

THE Central Pacific Railroad Land Office in Idaho and Utah recently discovered that Idaho claimed one boundary line and Utah another, and that a strip of land two and a half miles wide, extending across the northern part of Utah, was left, which by survey does not belong to either Territory.

A CASE of leprosy was reported at Hong Lee's laundry, Chicago, recently. On inquiry for the leper, the Chinaman in the house said he had gone away, they did not know where.

MRS. HELEN HUNT JACKSON, the well-known author, died at San Francisco recently of cancer in the stomach.

THE family of Daniel Ashbaugh, Jr., near New Philadelphia, Mo., were poisoned recently by eating toadstools. One boy died and the mother and a young child were not expected to live. Two girls named Richardson from the Dayton Orphan's Home, who were visiting the family, were also in a critical condition.

FRANK and John Douglas were buried beneath a fall of earth in a stone quarry at Youngstown, O., recently. The former was dismembered and lived only a short time. The injuries of the latter were believed to be fatal.

STRIKERS and officers had a fight at Bay City, Mich., recently. Several were injured. The riot occurred in resisting arrest.

THE Union Pacific Railroad issued an order on the 11th reducing the number of working hours from ten to eight hours a day and cutting down work on Saturdays to four hours a day. A strike was thought to be imminent.

RECENT advices from Deadwood say that a water-spout struck Lone Tree Creek near Chadron, Dak., flooding the valley and drowning four men, two children and a number of horses, besides washing away several hundred yards of newly finished railroad grade.

THE planing mill of the Sturtevant Lumber Company, Cleveland, O., burned recently. Loss, \$100,000. The fire was supposed to be caused by lightning.

THE SOUTH.
THE Chattanooga Artillery, of Savannah, Ga., will celebrate the centennial of the organization next May by a prize drill in which money prizes aggregating \$5,500 will be awarded.

RICHARD HINDMAN, colored, who was guilty of insulting a white lady, was given 300 lashes by white citizens at Villaville, Ga., the other night.

CAPTAIN JOHN M. FORNEY, of the Galveston (Tex.) artillery, died suddenly on the morning of the 9th from congestion of the brain, brought on, it was thought, from firing salutes on the day of Grant's funeral.

THE United States authorities at El Paso, Tex., recently made an important capture in the person of Milliano Luna, the famous Mexican smuggler. A deputy marshal captured him just as he was about to cross into Mexico. Luna had smuggled over \$300,000 worth of goods into this country and nearly a like amount into Mexico. He was released on \$25,000 bonds.

THREE murderers were hanged at Raleigh, N. C., on the 7th.

AT Murfreesboro, Ark., recently, a mob attempted the lynching of Sylvester and Henry Polk, accused of the murder of a peddler. The mob was met by a posse of soldiers, and the mob dispersed.

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LAND MONOPOLISTS.

Partial List of Lands Affected by the President's Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, August 12.—The following is a list of illegal enclosures of public lands of which the General Land Office has specific knowledge which are affected by the President's proclamation of yesterday:

Livestock Brothers, Pueblo County, Col., 62,700
John Ross, Pueblo County, Col., 14,750
Daniel Kees, Bent County, Col., 40,000
Larkford Brothers, Pueblo County, Col., 14,920
Pook & Andrews, Bent County, Col., 35,250
Allen & Link, Park County, Col., 40,530
J. C. Jones, Bent County, Col., 1,500
John G. Haas, Pueblo County, Col., 1,420
Bent Brothers, Pueblo County, Col., 1,200
Davis DeGraft, El Paso County, Col., 10,850
Robert Douglas, El Paso County, Col., 1,200
Allen & Link, Park County, Col., 1,500
B. F. Spinner, Park County, Col., 6,000
James Malloy, Las Animas County, Col., 2,500
Fondexley & Orr, Beaverhead County, Mont., 80,800
Charles Hansen, Silver Bow County, Mont., 4,400
Solomon Jennings, Silver Bow County, Mont., 7,800
James A. Campbell, Carbon County, Mont., 2,500
Mont., 2,000
William Wallace, Deer Lodge County, Mont., 4,500
Chatterfield, Thomas & Blake, King and Harper Counties, Mont., 4,100
William Murphy, Lander and Eureka Counties, Nev., 11,500
Reber & Bradley, Lander County, Nev., 1,000
Crum & Zardies, Lander County, Nev., 3,000
Andrew Benson, Eureka County, Nev., 8,800
O. F. Coffey & Co., Store County, Nev., 6,000
Neb., 5,330
Van Bennett Live Stock Company, Neb., 5,275
Dakota State Company, Neb., 61,961
Ogden & Ares, Sioux County, Neb., 700
Thomas Ray, Sioux County, Neb., 1,200
Patrick Lary, Sioux County, Mont., 14,000
Northwestern Cattle Company, Mont., 9,000
Martin Stevens, Bent County, Col., 15,750
M. T. Hopkins, Bent County, Col., 2,000
Columbia Cattle Company, Bent County, Col., 2,000
H. S. Holly, Bent County, Col., 1,300
McLean Bros., Bent County, Col., 2,000
Joseph Graham, Bent County, Col., 1,200
James Beatty, Bent County, Col., 21,000
A. J. Anderson, Bent County, Col., 1,000
Humbert Ross, Bent County, Col., 9,000
G. W. Swink, Bent County, Col., 9,000
W. Porter, Bent County, Col., 4,500
Darius & Davis, Pueblo County, Col., 3,300
T. B. Burns, Las Animas County, Col., 800
B. K. Kimberly, Arapahoe County, Col., 2,500
D. Schaffer, Arapahoe County, Col., 9,000
Suits have been instituted or recommended in the following cases:

Arkansas Valley Land and Cattle Company, Colorado, 1,000,000
Prairie Cattle Company, Colorado, 1,000,000
Hall & Hanna, Colorado, 3,000
John H. Anderson, Colorado, 3,000
Jones & Hess, Colorado, 6,700
John Rogers, Colorado, 10,000
Berkston Ranch, Nebraska, 125,000
Benjamin Hershey, Nebraska, 491
Edna Nichols, Nebraska, 1,000
Morrell C. Keith, Colorado, 1,604
Burke & Sons, Colorado, 352
It is estimated that not less than 10,000,000 acres in addition to the lands mentioned in the above list are illegally enclosed, of which the special agents of the department have not had time to make examination and specific reports.

SPECIAL DELIVERY SYSTEM.

The System to be introduced on the 1st of October Next.

WASHINGTON, August 13.—A circular relating to the immediate delivery system, which is to be put in operation on October 1, has been prepared, and will be sent to postmasters at once. After quoting section three of the Post-office Appropriation bill, which provides the terms under which immediate deliveries are to be made, the circular says: "It has accordingly been decided to introduce the special delivery system on the 1st of October, 1885, at all the post-offices at which it is permitted by law, viz., those at which the free delivery system is in operation, and those in cities and towns having a population of 4,000 or over, as shown by the last Federal census. Suitable supplies of these special delivery stamps will be sent to the post-office in the country which may make application for them, and when received they are to be taken up by the postmaster in his account current for the purpose of securing the immediate delivery of letters addressed to and received in the mails at any of the offices designated as special delivery offices. Under no circumstances are they to be used only for the purpose of securing a description of any registry fee, nor can any other stamps be employed to secure special delivery except the special delivery stamp. The special delivery stamp must be in addition to the lawful postage, and must be provided with at least one full rate of postage in accordance with the law and regulations, though bearing a special delivery stamp in addition to full postage and registry fee required by the law and the regulations. 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